



Delaware County Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2021, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

1. Attendees:

County	Appointees	Citizens / Guests
Howard Lazarus	Steve Clark	Mike Kelly (KCBA)
Francine Locke	David Director	Virginia Nurk (DEP)
Elaine Schaefer	Stephanie Howe Hasanali	Mike Thompson (KCBA)
Laura Goodrich Cairns	Carol Martsof	Justin Dula (DEP)
Ed Magargee	Jennie Perey Saxe	Jack Bierling
Mark Manfre	Jaclyn Rhoads	Kaustubh Chabukswar
Linda Hill	Shawn Stancill	
John Becht - IT	Scott Sidlow	
Connie Butler	Becca Yurkovich	
Ed Orner		
Christine Reuther		

2. Public Comment monitored at: publiccomment@co.delaware.pa.us – 6:15 PM

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March Meeting: Approved.

4. Chief Sustainability Officer Update:

- a. C-Pace Update – reviewed current status and next steps
- b. Current County Energy Management –
- c. Regional Streetlight Procurement Program – turnkey program to covert streetlights to LED. Considering moving forward in near future.
- d. Vehicle Electrification Plan – Purchased 15, received 4. Three fast charging EV stations installed by July 2021. Installation contract has been awarded and permitting is underway. David Director to research existing charging stations that can be used so County can take delivery of remaining vehicles.
- e. Potential PPP – Sustainable living in Delaware County:
 - i. Possibilities may include construction of large scale solar, green mobility for installation of EV charging stations for community and county vehicles, employ and source locally manufacturing facility for EV chargers and solar panels that employs county residents.
 - ii. Next steps include development of potential pro-forma through the Industrial Development Authority with REMCO. Two
- f. CIP Program Update provided
- g. Planning Department Update provided
- h. Sus Comm Summer Intern – 12 applicants received, looking to bring onboard by end of May

5. Justin Dula – DEP

- a. Environmental Justice (EJ) at DEP –
 - i. Reviewed Federal, State definitions and history of EJ
 - ii. EJ social movement overview and history nationwide and in PA

- iii. Three main drivers to consider – built, natural, and social environment
- iv. EJ Integration:
 - A. Darby Borough Brownfield Grant
 - B. Certified Operator Training
 - C. Regional
 - D. Chester Roundtable
 - E. Climate Action Planning
 - F. Tools Available
 - G. Redlining in PA

6. Covanta Update from Council Member Reuther

- a. Covanta facility located in city of Chester is looking to renew contract in May
 - i. Solid waste authority cannot negotiate until Bucks County landfill permit for expansion is renewed.
 - ii. SWA will have to evaluate impact of trash not being incinerated
 - iii. Waste reduction alternatives need to be evaluated, including glass recycling and composting
 - iv. Contract renewal is likely, but term is uncertain
 - v. RFP released to hire an Environmental Engineering firm to perform Needs Assessment
 - vi. Public meeting to occur on May 5th.
- b. Delcora incineration of industrial waste is looking to double facility size

7. Subcommittee Updates (7:10 PM to 7:30 PM)

- a. **Greening County Operations:** Shawn; Mark; David; Scott (Chair), Howard, Jennie
- b. **Creating a County-Wide Sustainability Plan:** Becca; Jaclyn (co-chair); Stephanie (co-chair); Ed; Linda; Carol; Laura; Steve

8. Guest Topic: FCNA Audit Report

- a. Facilities Condition and Needs Assessment
 - i. Team – Bureau Veritas, Hunt Engineering Group, Global Corrections Group, Arrow
- b. Reviewed what an FCNA is: Facility Condition Assessments, Cost Estimates, Planning, Maintenance
- c. Thomas Curran Building – Pilot Study
 - i. Walk-through performed on 3/8/21
 - ii. Prepared Spatial Analysis
 - iii. Building conditions assesment walk through
 - iv. Facilities Condition Index
 - v. Finding – good and bad were reviewed
 - vi. Recommendations
 - A. Additional space and natural daylight is needed
 - B. Separation of public and staff is needed for security and privacy
 - C. Replace or relocate some program operations
 - D. Upgrade fire suppression
 - E. Reconsider first floor waiting area
 - F. Improve signage
 - G. Reduce HVAC hours of operation
 - H. Control building air infiltration
 - I. Low flow fixtures and aerators
 - J. Retrofit lighting to LED
- d. Starting park tours this week

9. Other Business (7:50 to 8 PM)

Public Comment

10. Adjourned.